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1. ON AUGUST 29 MISSION RECEIVED FROM UNHCR THE FOLLOWING LETTER CONCERNING CHILEAN REFUGEES IN PERU AND US IMMIGRATION:

A. QTE

I SHOULD LIKE TO REFER TO OUR RECENT CONVERSATION CONCERNING THE RESETTLEMENT OF CHILEAN REFUGEES WHO ARE AT PRESENT IN TRANSIT IN PERU.

AS YOU KNOW, CONSIDERABLE EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE BY OUR OFFICE, THROUGH THE NEWLY CREATED COMISION ECUMENICA DE ASISTENCIA SOCIAL (CEDAS) IN LIMA, WITH THE ACTIVE COOPERATION OF A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTS AND NATURALLY WITH THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS OF ICEM, TO FACILITATE THE RESETTLEMENT IN OTHER COUNTRIES OF CHILEAN REFUGEES IN TRANSIT TO PERU. THE ATTACHED ANNEX WILL SHOW YOU THE POSITION AS OF 15 AUGUST 1974.

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AS NEITHER OUR OFFICE NOR CEDAS HAD SO FAR RECEIVED INDICATIONS

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THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE PREPARED TO ADMIT ANY SIGNIFI-
CANT NUMBER OF CHILEAN REFUGEES FROM PERU, NO PARTICULAR EFFORTS
WER MADE IN LIMA TO PROMOTE RESETTLEMENT TO THE UNITED STATES.
IN VIEW, HOWEVER, OF THE CONSIDERABLE BACKLOG OF CASES AND AS
MORE REFUGEES MAY BE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN FUTURE MONTHS,
WE WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL IF THE UNITED STATES COULD BE
INDICATED AS A POTENTIAL COUNTRY OF RESETTLEMENT TO THIS GROUP
OF REFUGEES IN PERU.

MAY I ADD THAT THE CHILEAN REFUGEES IN PERU ARE UNDER CON-
SIDERABLE PRESSURE TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY AND USUALLY INDICATE
MORE THAN ONE COUNTRY WHERE THEY WOULD LIKE TO RESETTLE. THEY
USUALLY LEAVE FOR THE COUNTRY WHERE THE ENTRY VISA IS FIRST
GRANTED. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL THEREFORE, IN ORDER NOT TO FRUSTRATE
THE EFFORTS ON BOTH SIDES, IF THE COMPETENT SERVICES OF THE
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT COULD DEVISE A PROCEDURE WHEREBY FAIRLY
SPEEDY DECISIONS ON APPLICATIONS FOR RESETTLEMENT IN THE UNITED
STATES COULD BE TAKEN. I TRUST THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE A
DIFFICULTY.

I SHOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR ANYTHING YOU CAN
DO TO HELP US IN THIS MATTER. END QTE

B. TEXT OF ANNEX: QTE

CHILEAN REFUGEES IN TRANSIT IN PERU
(POSITION AS AT 15 AUGUST 1974)

REGISTERED FOR RESETTLEMENT 1682 PERSONS
DEPARTED 936 PERSONS
APPROVED FOR DEPARTURE 95 PERSONS
AWAITING RESETTLEMENT 651 PERSONS

COUNTRIES OF RESETTLEMENT

AUSTRALIA 116
CUBA 289
GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC 105
ROMANIA 257
UNITED KINGDOM 63
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OTHER COUNTRIES 106

TOTAL 936 UNQTE

2. UNHCR ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN FINDING RESETTLEMENT
OPPORTUNITIES FOR 651 CHILEAN REFUGEES AWAITING RESETTLEMENT AND
WOULD APPRECIATE UNITED STATES TAKING FAIR SHARE OF THIS
GROUP. PLEASE ADVISE POSSIBILITY AND PROCEDURE FOR GETTING

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EARLY DECISIONS ON APPLICATIONS FROM CHILEAN REFUGEES FOR IMMIGRATION TO USA. DALE

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